



Ballot Issue Calendar

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Deadline	<i>*Deadline is 5:00 p.m. on specified day unless otherwise noted</i>	Statute
Signature gathering may not begin until after Secretary of State issues final petition form	Earliest time for gathering signatures on initiative referendum; also earliest time to submit signed initiative referendum petition signature sheets to county election administrators	Article III, Section 5, MT Const.
June 17, 2015	First day to circulate approved constitutional and statutory initiative petitions (<i>see also initiative referendum information above</i>)	13-27-202
September 29, 2015	Deadline for submitting initiative referendum petitions to county election administrators; last day to withdraw initiative referendum signatures	13-27-301
October 19, 2015	First day for submitting constitutional and statutory initiative petition signatures to county election administrators (<i>see also initiative referendum information above</i>)	13-27-301
October 28, 2015 (based on the April 28 legislative adjournment date)	Deadline for county election administrators to file certified initiative referendum petitions with the Secretary of State's office	Article III, Section 5, MT Const.
After county election administrator filing deadline	Secretary of State tabulates certified initiative referendum petition signature totals	13-27-307
After final SOS tabulation of certified initiative referendum petition signature totals	Secretary of State certifies for the ballot all qualified initiative referendum ballot issues to Governor	13-27-308
June 7, 2016	PRIMARY NOMINATING ELECTION	13-1-107(1)
June 17, 2016	Signatures due to election administrators for constitutional and statutory initiatives for certification; last day for withdrawal of signatures	13-27-301
July 15, 2016	Deadline for county election administrators to file certified constitutional and statutory initiative petitions in the Secretary of State's office	13-27-104
After county election administrator filing deadline	Secretary of State tabulates certified constitutional and statutory initiative petition signature totals	13-27-307
After final SOS tabulation of certified statutory or constitutional initiative petition signature totals	Secretary of State certifies for the ballot all qualified constitutional and statutory initiatives to Governor	13-27-308
July 19, 2016	Appointment of committee members for Voter Information Pamphlet arguments by designated individuals	13-27-403
July 24, 2016	Secretary of State to notify committee members of deadlines by this date (or within 5 days of appointment)	13-27-403
July 26, 2016	Committee arguments for Voter Information Pamphlet due to Secretary of State; appointments by committee members to fill vacancies	13-27-403; 13-27-406
July 28, 2016	Supporters and opponents for Voter Information Pamphlet arguments must file supporting documents for factual statements made in arguments (within 2 business days of the argument deadline)	13-27-409
August 5, 2016	Rebuttal arguments due to the Secretary of State	13-27-407
August 9, 2016	Deadline for supporters and opponents to file supporting documents for factual statements made in rebuttals (within 2 business days of the rebuttal deadline)	13-27-409
October 11, 2016	Voter Information Pamphlet for all certified ballot issues must be mailed to voters	13-27-410
November 8, 2016	GENERAL ELECTION	13-1-104(1)